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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S COMMENTS ON SOUTH KOREA BEFORE THE
FOREIGN OPERATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE SENATE
APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

1. IN PUBLIC SESSION OF THE FOREIGN OPERATIONS SUB-
COMMITTEE ON JULY 24, SENATOR BROOKE QUESTIONED THE
JUSTIFICATION FOR CONTINUING AID TO AUTHORITARIAN REGIMES
LIKE SOUTH KOREA.

2. AS RECORDED IN ROUGH NOTES (TEXT WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE
FOR SEVERAL DAYS), THE SECRETARY SUBSTANTIALLY AGREED WITH
THE SENATOR'S IMPLICATION THAT WE SHOULD DETERMINE WHETHER
OR NOT TO CONTINUE AID TO AUTHORITARIAN REGIMES ON THE
BASIS OF OUR OWN NEEDS AND THAT IN THE COURSE OF DETERMIN-
ING THAT NEED, WE SHOULD LOOK PARTICULARLY CLOSELY TO
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DETERMINE IF SUCH AID WOULD BE INCONSISTENT WITH OR OFFENSIVE TO OUR NATIONAL VALUES. HE POINTED OUT THAT ANY ACTION ON SOUTH KOREA IS INEVITABLY LINKED TO THE FUTURE OF JAPAN. WE HAVE TO BEAR IN MIND THE STRATEGIC VALUE OF THE WHOLE AREA AND SO HAVE CONCLUDED THAT WE SHOULD

CONTINUE ECONOMIC AND MILITARY ASSISTANCE EVEN THOUGH WE DID NOT COMMEND CERTAIN OF THE ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE SOUTH KOREAN GOVERNMENT. WE ARE CONSTANTLY REEXAMINING OUR SITUATION. HOWEVER, UP TO NOW, OUR JUDGMENT, AND WE

BELIEVE THAT JUDGMENT IS SHARED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN, HAS BEEN THAT THE STABILITY OF SOUTH KOREA IS CRUCIAL TO THE INDEPENDENCE AND STABILITY OF THE WHOLE SOUTHEAST ASIA AREA.

3. THE ABOVE IS PROVIDED FOR THE AMBASSADOR'S INFORMATION AS THERE MAY BE PRESS REPORTS ABOUT THE SECRETARY'S TESTIMONY IN OPEN SESSION TODAY. KISSINGER

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